

to keep continuity despite the many and extensive changes in administrative boundaries and postal districts since 1892, when that system was devised. For whole counties it usually follows the ancient historic boundries.

The number of recorders, both direct and indirect, has again grown, and we thank all of them. We do however badly need resident recorders in Wales, and more in Scotland would be very welcome.

## ANNEXE I

### Names of direct recorders

Names of recorders who have sent their records to us directly are listed below. Many of them have also included records obtained from other observers, to whom we are grateful. It is not practicable to list all their names, but many of these appear in Annexe II.

Austin, R., Bainbridge, Maj. Gen. H., Baker, B. R., Baldock, D. W., Baldwin, A. J., Birchenough, R. F., Bond, K. G. M., Botwright, G., Brabington, J., Bradford, E. S., Bretherton, R. F., Bretherton, M. F., Brigden, B., Bristow, R. and Bolton, D., Brooks, Miss M., Brown, D. C. G., Burton, G. N., Cade, M., Campbell, J. L., Chalmers-Hunt, J. M., Collins, C. B., Collins, G. A., Costen, Dr. P. D. M., Craik, Dr. J. C. A., Davey, P. A. D., Dey, D., Dewick, A. J., Dewick, S., Eastwick-Field, Lt. Col. G. E., Eley, R., Ellefsen, G. E., Ellis, M. J., Emmet, A. M., Evans, K. G. W., Eve, H., Fairclough, R., Fenn, J. L., Foster, A. P., Gray, G., Grey, P. R., Green, J. E., Halsey, M., Halstead, A. J., Hancock, E. G., Hardie, P. J., Harman, T. W., Harmer, A. S., Harwood, N. W., Haynes, R. F., Heath, J., Higgs, G. E., Hipperson, D., Hulme, Dr. P. D., Jenner, H. E., Kinnear, P. K., Knill-Jones, S. A., Lane, R. E. & C. E., Lees, G. G. W., Lorimer, R. I., Masters, M. S., Michaelis, H. N., Miller, J. R., Millington, G. A., Moore, B. W., Mount, S., Nash, S., Odell, S., Owen, D., Owen, J. A., O'Hefernan, L., Palmer, A. R. M., Parsons, M. S., Peet, T. N. D., Payne, J. H., Pelham-Clinton, E. C., Penhallurick, R. D., Plant, C. W., Pons, M. S., Pratt, C. R., Rogers, M., Rollins, C. G., Rutherford, C. I., Saul, K., Softly, R. A., Skinner, B., Smith, Dr. F. H. N., Sokoloff, P. A., Sterling, Col. D. H., Sterling, M. J., Sterling, P. H., Spalding, A., Spence, B. R., Stallwood, B. R., Swanson, S., Terry, M. G. W., Tucker, V., Tweedie, M. F. W., Walters, J. M., Waring, P. M., West, B. K., Wild, E. H., Wilson, D. E., Winter, P. Q., Young, Dr. M. R.,

*(to be concluded)*

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THE BEE-FLY, *BOMBYLIUS MAJOR* L., ON MUD — on 12.iv. 1987, in Leigh Woods, Bristol, I observed a bee-fly flying along a path, every so often alighting on the damp mud to probe with its long proboscis. It was never still for more than a few seconds, but whilst probing the wings stopped beating. This is in marked contrast to the feeding behaviour on flowers, when the insect remains hovering, steadying itself with two legs resting on the flower. R. G. BARRINGTON, Old College Arms, Stour Row, Shaftesbury, Dorset.